Surplus Workers in NTC

1712. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of surplus workers in NTC mills all over the country at present; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the NTC authorities to absorb thens?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA); (a) and (b) According to a study, NTC mills are carrying surplus work force of 29,859 workers. The question of absorptions of these workers does not arise as they are already part of the role of NTC.

Scheme to Control Deficit

1713. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

wether Government have any scheme to control deficit at a reasonable limit this year; and

(b) if so, by what method?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Government Is determined to contain budgetary deficit at a reasonable level and is taking all possible measures. Siatable instruc-tions for containing expenditur have already been issued and a close watch is kept on various trends of expenditure with a view to taking corrective action.

Disbursement by Financial Institutions in Various States

1714. SHRIMATI KANAK MU KHERJEE; Will the Minister of FIN ANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the Statewise disbursement by each financial institution as at the end of December, 1987;

(b) what is the regionwise figure out of this amount (in amount as well as in per cent) during the same period;

(c) whether some States and regions are going ahead in this regard and some are lagging behind; and

(d) if so, what are the factors respon sible for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The required information is set out in the attached Statements I and II. *[See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 70].

(c) and (d) Assistance from financial institutions depends upon the number of applications for viable projects originating from different States and *inter-alia,* loca-tional decisions of entrepreneurs. Loca-tional decisions of entrepreneurs in turn depend upon factors which include easy availability of raw materials and skilled labour, power and other infrastructural facilities •and proximity to markets. With a view to ancouraging industrialisation in specified backward area, institutions provide financial assistance on concessional terms to units set up in the industrially backward areas.

Seminar of Handicrafts Industry

1715. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether a Seminar on the problem and prospects of handicrafts industry in the ountry was organised in New Delhi during May, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the names of the personnel who participated in the Seminar; and J